

Southwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society

16th Annual Convention

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

8:30 aM



Theme:

“Igniting Faith and Identity”

Biblical Foundation: Romans 8:37-39

Samuel Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

717 West Prichard Avenue • Prichard, Alabama 36610

The Right Reverend Julius H. McAllister, Jr, Presiding Prelate

The Reverend Charles Lewis, Host Presiding Elder

The Reverend Antonio Thomas, Presiding Elder

The Reverend Vernon McLeod, Host Pastor

Sister Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Sister Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President

Sister Debra Weatherspoon, Episcopal YPD Director

Sister Jasmine Evans, Episcopal YPD President

Sister Rosemary Lamar, Conference WMS President

Sister Michele Wilson, Conference YPD Director

Brother Christian Jones, Conference YPD President

Sister Philonese Nobles Reed, Host WMS President

Sister Robbye Cotton, Host YPD Director

Southwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society

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Southwest Annual WMS Convention Schedule

- 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. The Pre-Registration/Registration and Breakfast
- 9:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. The Moments of Devotion
Sis. Veronica Robinson, Presiding
Conference Worship Director
- 10: 00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. The Tanner Turner Memorial Service
Sis. Barbara Hartley, Presiding
Conference 3rd Vice President
- 10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. The Call to Order and Establishment of Protocol
Approval of Agenda
Sis. Kenesia T. Cade, Presiding
Conference 1st Vice President
- 10:30 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. The Welcome
Sis. Philonese Reed, Host WMS President
Sis. Robbye Cotton, Host YPD Director
Rev. Vernon McLeod, Host Pastor
Rev. Charles Lewis, Host Presiding Elder
The Greetings
Sis. Rosemary Lamar, Conference WMS President
Sis. Michele Wilson, Conference YPD Director

The Business Session

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

President Rosemary Lamar, Presiding

- The Roll Call and Credentials Report Sis. Donnis Norman and Sis. Theresa White
Seating of Delegation, Transfers, and New Members
- The Acceptance of Minutes Sis. Donnis Norman
- The Financial Report Sis. Theresa White
- The Registration Report Registration Committee
- The Nominating Committee Report Sis. Cheryl Robinson-Sutton
- The Election and Installation of Officers Episcopal Leadership

The Compassionate Care Project

11:45 A.M. - 12:00 PM

Sis. Mary Powell, Conference 2nd Vice President

McKinley Place Presentation

- 12:00 P.M. - 12:05 P.M. Announcements and Recognition of Visitors
- 12:05 P.M. - 12:15 P.M. The District Speaks
- 12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M. Transition to Luncheon
- 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. Luncheon Recognition
- 7 P.M. The Worship Experience

From the Desk of Conference WMS President Sister Rosemary Lamar

Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9

To The Right Reverend Julius McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate; Episcopal WMS Supervisor, Sis. Deana Young McAllister, Presiding Elder, Rev. Charles Lewis, Mobile District; Presiding Elder, Rev. Antonio Thomas, Camden District; Host Pastor, Rev. Vernon McLeod, Rev. Dr. Diane Lewis, WMS Consultant; Episcopal WMS President, Sis. Sherryl Whiting, Episcopal YPD Director, Sis. Debra Weatherspoon, All WMS Connectional, Episcopal, Conference, and local Officers, Life Members, Clergy, Lay members, and visiting friends.

I greet you in the matchless name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I stand with a good report for the Southwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society here in Mobile, Alabama.

Southwest Conference continues each Tuesday night to support our 9th District "Back 2 Basics Tutoring Program. The Southwest Conference WMS President leads the way with others and signs up each Tuesday from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm, helping, encouraging, and tutoring children in grades 2-5.

On the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m., we come together for our monthly 9th District PME Dialogue via Zoom. This is to keep us educated and informed on various topics, and to help others.

Through mission study, we become sensitized to the need to serve and are prompted to action.

Our WMS mission statement states, 'We are called to strengthen our faith and sent to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ by service and witness in the world.'

On the 4th Sunday of each month, the Southwest Conference is on the prayer warrior telephone line at 9:00 p.m.

Voter registration is high on the agenda, and many churches in our conference have already begun the registration process for registering all unregistered voters. WE are committed to doing the work to promote voter registration and help ensure everyone votes. Voter registration at local universities and college campuses was very successful. We registered over 60 students in just 2 days at the University of South Alabama campus.

Fistula Campaign 2025 – Because We Care received donations from the Southwest Conference. Donating to the Fistula Campaign helps give a woman a new life! Sometimes surgery is the only cure.

Southwest Conference members well attended the "Your Health is Wealth" zoom seminars.

Each conference participated in a week of service. Southwest Conference Week of Service was terrific. So much love and kindness shown.

1. We distributed toiletry bags and non-perishable items to those in need
2. Distribute snack bags to those in need at the organization of choice
3. Virtual workout night online – Zoom call
4. Virtual Game night – Zoom call
5. Donate clothes, art supplies, or non-perishable items to the organization of your choice.
6. Volunteered at a local community garden or planted your own garden.
7. Recognized a missionary in the local church for their dedication to the mission.

Disaster Relief Awareness is always at the forefront – Let us pray for our brothers and sisters across the world. Many donations are still being sent to those in hurricane-stricken and fire-damaged areas.

Growth is an essential element in planning successful events. As we grew, we thrived in our endeavors and were blessed to move the mission forward by helping others.

We are excited about the work ahead of us and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in this conference year. We are willing to stand and fight for equality. We are ready, willing, and able to undertake the mission's work.

May the spirit of Christian Mission enter every heart is my prayer.

Humbly Submitted,
Rosemary Lamar, President
Southwest Conference

From the Desk of Conference YPD Director

Sister Michele Wilson

The Southwest Alabama Conference YPD Conference 2024-2025 Report

The SWACYPD had a great conference year. We participated in Breast Cancer awareness month, Christmas giveaway to the special needs adults, collected food for different food pantry, participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, and the Episcopal LTI at Ward Chapel in Prattville.

May 7th-14th is observed each year as Self-Denial Week. The theme this year is “Rise Up Elevating in Christ & Establishing A New Me.” We had several workshops and community services, each day featuring a prayer and scripture, along with an activity. There was also a contest in which our children participated. They were able to showcase their talents through art, dancing, and essays. We look forward to having more participants next year.

Our Mid-Year meeting was held at Bishop State Community College in Mobile, Al. We focused on resume writing with Jessica Bailey from Bailey Business Services and Marva Rodriques from Outokumpu to prepare our youth for job interviews. Our 12 and under were able to make robotic hands.

We were able to take some of our YPDers to the Connectional LTI in Atlanta, the theme “A Royal Family the House God Built. They were able to enjoy the various workshops presented, worship services, and, of course, the dance held on the last night.

We have participated in food drives and back-to-school drives, and we have collected books for the first graders at a Title I school. Our compassionate care project for the conference aims to assist 18 families with cleaning supplies for the Dumas Wesley community center.

We aim to have another great conference year by equipping our young people to apply their faith in practical ways, fostering spiritual growth, and creating lasting community impact.

As we Grow, Glow, and Go for Christ

Submitted by
Michele Wilson
SWAC YPD Director
Christian Jones
SWAC YPD President

***The Southwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary
Society***

Financial Report 2024-2025

Beginning Balance

Accounts Receivables

Accounts Payables

Ending Balance as of September 30, 2025

Humbly Submitted,

Sister Theresa White

Southwest Alabama Conference Treasurer

The Meditation Moment

Sister Veronica Robinson, Presiding

Selection

Choir/Congregation

Meditation

“Faith That Cannot Be Extinguished”

Sister Cheryl Robinson-Sutton

As the morning light breaks through the darkness, it reminds us that every new day is an invitation to ignite our faith and stand firm in our God-given identity. Faith is not merely a spark that flickers when times are easy — it is a steady flame, kindled by the Holy Spirit, that endures the winds of life.

Paul’s message in Romans 8 assures us that no matter what comes against us — not hardship, not fear, not even the unknown future — we are more than conquerors through Christ. That truth should stir something powerful within us. It reminds us that our strength does not come from our titles, our resources, or our circumstances, but from the unwavering love of God that holds us together when everything else feels uncertain.

To ignite faith is to remember that God’s love fuels our purpose. It pushes us beyond survival into victory. When doubt whispers that we are not enough, God’s Word declares that we are chosen, redeemed, and equipped. When the world tries to define us by our struggles, God defines us by His promise. When we feel weary from serving, His Spirit renews our fire so we can serve with joy and confidence.

This morning, let that truth settle deep in your spirit: nothing can separate you from the love of God. His love is the unquenchable flame that burns within you — steady, bright, and unstoppable. It lights your path, it warms your purpose, and it reminds you who you are in Christ Jesus.

So, as we begin this day of worship, reflection, and mission, let your faith rise like the morning sun. Let it ignite every part of your being. Stand tall in your divine identity as a woman of purpose, a vessel of power, and a witness of God’s unbreakable love. For we are not victims of circumstances, we are victorious daughters of the Most High, called to shine and to serve with faith that cannot be extinguished.

Prayer

Rev. Pamela Irby
Bethel AME Church, Mobile

Selection

Choir/Congregation

THE TANNER-TURNER MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Sister Barbara Hartley, Presiding
Conference 3rd Vice President**

Soft Music

Conference Musicians

The Hymn of Hope

“Oh, I Want to See Him”

Congregation

As I journey through the land, singing as I go, Pointing souls to Calvary - to the crimson flow,
Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within; But my Lord leads me on, through Him I
must win.

Refrain:

Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face, There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of glory let me lift my voice, Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

The Prayer

Sister Lora Porter

The Remembrance

Sister Dorothy Taylor Rodgers

Sister Valerie Nodd

Sister Shelia Collins

Sister Direather McCaskill

Sister Omega Cook

Sister/Mother Ethel Cade

Sister Williette Austine Billups Rouse

Greater New Hope AME Church, Millry

St. Paul AME Church, Mobile

St. Paul AME Church, Mobile

Mt. Sinai AME Church, Lower Peachtree

St. Paul AME Church, Mobile

St. Paul AME Church, Thomaston

Samuel Chapel AME Church, Prichard

The Closing

“Soon And Very Soon”

Congregation

[Chorus:]

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the king

No more cryin there,
We are going to see the King
No more cryin there,
We are going to see the King
No more cryin there,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King



Luncheon Award's Ceremony

*Sis. Mary Powell, Presiding
Conference 2nd Vice President*

Prelude

Musician

Selection

Welcome/Occasion

Blessing of the Food

Rev. Rosalind Amos, Pastor

St. Stephens AME Church, Mobile

Lunch is Served

Door Prize Giveaway

Sis. Donnis Norman

Awards Presentation/Recognition

Sis. Raven Dodson– Sis. Lora Porter- Sis. Rosemary Lamar-Sis. Mary Powell

Episcopal Remarks

Sis. Sheryl Whiting, Episcopal WMS President

Sis. Deana Young McAllister, Episcopal Supervisor

Bishop Julius H. McAllister, Jr., Presiding Prelate



Our Night in White Speaker

***Reverend Kimberly Martin, Pastor
Metropolitan AME Church, Mobile***



The Reverend Kimberly Martin is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. She is the only child of Linda D. Smith. She has been married to Paul W. Martin for over 28 years, a mother of two sons, Jonnathan, Jr., and Justin, stepmother to Brent Wiley, and grandmother to Kierra Wiley.

Rev. Martin accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at the tender age of 7 and was baptized at The New St. James Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. L.C. Fisher. She was active as Youth President, Youth Usher, and Adult Choir The President for her 34 years of faithful service. She was elected President of the Mt. Pilgrim District Association Youth Department at the age of 14. God has had His hand on her life from birth.

Rev. Martin currently serves as a Professional Hospice Chaplain and Master Cosmetologist. In 2014, she was sent to supply at St. James A.M.E. Church in Prichard, Alabama. Her first pastoral appointment was in 2015 as the Senior Pastor of Greater Peace and Goodwill A.M.E. Church in Crawford, Alabama, where she served faithfully for two years.

She has served as Senior Pastor of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Trussville, Alabama, for 3 years (2017-2020), Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Homewood, Alabama (2020-2021), and Greater St. Joseph A.M.E. Church, Autaugaville, Alabama (2021-2023). She is currently the Senior of Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Mobile, Alabama.

She serves as the Dean of the Southwest Board of Examiners, Women in Ministry Treasurer, a member of the Board of Trustees, and a Member of the Finance Committee for the Southwest Annual Conference.

She loves to work!

She enjoys life, loves to laugh, and loves people! Her favorite passage of scripture is Psalm 100. Rev. Martin was called into pulpit ministry in 2006 and was ordained as an Itinerant Deacon 2011 in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 2019, she was ordained as an Itinerant Elder. She is a proud product of the Birmingham City School system, a graduate of Charles B. Glenn High School. She attended Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. She also graduated from the Southeastern School of Cosmetology in Birmingham, Alabama. Rev. Martin is a graduate of The Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama, **Magna Cum Laude** with a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education and a Diploma in Christian Education in May 2016. She also graduated with a Bible certificate in May 2014. She was the first female elected as Vice President of the SGA at The Birmingham Easonian Baptist Bible College in 2015-2016. She graduated from Beeson Divinity School at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, in May 2020 with a Master of Arts in Theology Studies.

Rev. Martin's desire is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring about worldwide salvation. She wants people to see Jesus Christ through her life! The motto she lives by is: ***"It's Not About me! It's ALL About Jesus!"*** She is known as "God's Girl"!

The Conference WMS Worship Experience

*Sis. Kenesia T. Cade, Presiding
Southwest Alabama Conference 1st Vice President*

The Musical Prelude

Musicians

The Doxology

The Call to Worship

“Igniting Faith and Identity”

Sis. Philonese Reed
Conference PME Director

Leader: Sisters of faith, we gather in the presence of the One who has made us more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. Though the world may test our faith and question our identity, today we stand rooted in God’s unshakable Word.

People: We come to ignite our faith — to let the fire of the Holy Spirit burn within us and remind us of who we are in Christ Jesus!

Leader: Neither trouble nor hardship, neither powers nor principalities, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

People: Our faith is alive! Our identity is secure! We are daughters of the King — chosen, redeemed, and empowered!

Leader: Let us lift our hearts, our hands, and our voices to the One who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

All Together: We worship the God who ignites faith and affirms our identity! We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us! Amen!

The Hymn of Praise *“Hymn #513: Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”* Sis. Veronica Robinson
Conference Worship Director

The Invocation

Life Member Sis. Mary Walker
Bethel AME Church, Mobile

The Prayer Response “Spirit of the Living God”

The Worship in Song

Metropolitan AME Church Praise Team

The Scripture

Sis. Raven Dodson
Mannie B. Johns Area Chairperson

The Welcome

Sis. Rosemary Lamar
Southwest Alabama Conference President

The Missionary Offering

Amount \$10

Area Chairpersons/Ushers

The New Members Pinning Ceremony

Supervisor Deana Y. McAllister
Episcopal President Sherryl S. Whiting
Conference President Sis. Rosemary Lamar
Conference 3rd Vice President Sis. Barbara Hartley

The Pinning Ceremony Hymn

Hymn ***“This is My Mission” (Tune: Blessed Assurance)***

- 1. Blessed with His goodness, Blessed with His Love, Blessed with His Showers, that come from Above. Blessed with His sunshine, Blessed with His air, I'll go on helping everywhere.*
- 2. God give the courage, Faith leads the way, Onward we travel happy today. Thinking of others, willing to share, Taking God's message, everywhere.*
- 3. Remembering others, when'ere I pray, Looking to Jesus, He is the way; Onward I travel, Him by my side I'll never falter, He is my guide.*

***Chorus: This is my Mission, this is my prayer. Helping the needy, everywhere.
This is my Mission, this is my prayer. Helping the needy, everywhere.***

3rd Vice President: I, Sis. Barbara Hartley, Membership and Recruitment Chairperson of the Southwest Alabama Conference Branch, am happy to present for pinning and confirmation of our new members of the Women's Missionary Society.

Supervisor: Listen and heed the words of Jesus in John 15:16, “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit; fruit that will last.

As Missionaries, you have been appointed:

- To witness to the unsaved
- To love the unloved
- To visit the sick and shut in
- To carry the good news to the imprisoned and outcast
- To fight for justice and equality in our communities
- To feed the hungry and house the homeless
- To practice love and reconciliation in a broken world.

Episcopal President: Be aware that each of you stands here as a sign of your solemn Commitment to be agents of God's mission and purpose through your life and service in the Women's Missionary Society.

Conference President: This ceremony symbolizes the crown that awaits you if you are willing to take up the cross by giving of yourselves in ways that exemplify the love of Jesus for the world.

Supervisor: Are you ready and willing to meet the hard challenges of Missionaries in a chaotic world?

Response by New Members: God being my helper, I am ready and willing.

Supervisor: May God empower and strengthen us all for the journey and may the spirit of Christian missions abide in every heart.

The Presentation of the Messenger

Life Member Sis. Betty W. Davis
Metropolitan AME Church, Mobile

The Worship in Song

Metropolitan AME Church Praise Team

The Message

**Rev. Kimberly Martin, Pastor
Metropolitan AME Church, Mobile**

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Mia Cole, Pastor
St. Paul AME Church,

Camden

The Offering

Amount **\$25**

**Sis. Theresa White, Conference Treasurer
Financial Officers**

Conference Treasurer

Area Chairpersons

The Remarks

The Missionary Benediction: *“In the Name of the Triune God, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart, may the spirit of Christian missions enter every heart, this we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen”*

Sermon Notes

Sermon Topic _____

Sermon Scripture_____

Sermon Notes

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